

January 7, 2022

Dear Shepherd Glen Families;

I want to take this time to wish you all a wonderful start to the New Year. In lieu of some obstacles we faced as a Shepherd Glen Community and district with the start of the new year, we are fortunate with the assistance of all staff, we were able to keep our school open and students safely in school this week.

I know there have been a lot of questions, concerns and confusion regarding the new guidance from the Connecticut Department of Public Health. As a result, I thought it would be helpful to include the below link to the updated quarantining guidelines chart for you to refer to as needed. Please know if you have questions about your child quarantining or possible exposure, please refer to the below link. You may also contact myself or our school nurse, Mrs. Powers-Moore, if you require additional information. We understand this is a very concerning time and our teachers and staff are doing their best to keep all students safe and learning. It is important to know that teachers, administrators, and school nurse do not make quarantine decisions. These decisions are based on the guidelines given to us by the CT. DPH below.

Please see this [new guidance from the Connecticut Department of Public Health](#) on isolation, quarantine, testing, and return to school for situations in the school setting involving COVID-19 exposure or symptoms. Use this along with the Daily Health Assessment and please isolate for any active symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how minor. When considering how long you must isolate, the first day of isolation is the day after symptoms begin, or the day after you receive a positive test result if there are no symptoms. Isolation continues for 5 days, or more, until there has been no fever for at least 24 hours and symptoms have improved significantly.

Most importantly, mask wearing, hand washing, utilizing the daily health assessment on our website and keeping your child home if he/she shows any cold like symptoms and reporting these symptoms are important mitigation strategies to stop the spread. In addition, we will continue to keep desks 3-6 feet apart when possible and be diligent about mask wearing in the building.

Our teachers have done a fabulous job staying on top of these mitigation strategies while continuing to teach their students, take care of themselves, each other and their own families.

On behalf of the Shepherd Glen Staff, we thank you for your patience, cooperation and understanding each day as we continue to face challenges related to Covid variants. Together, we will get through this and forge ahead with your child's safety, as well as our staff's always at the forefront.

Respectfully,

Barb Perrotti

Principal